

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application of: **Minoru  
KAKINUMA et al**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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March 2, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 23 of this paper.